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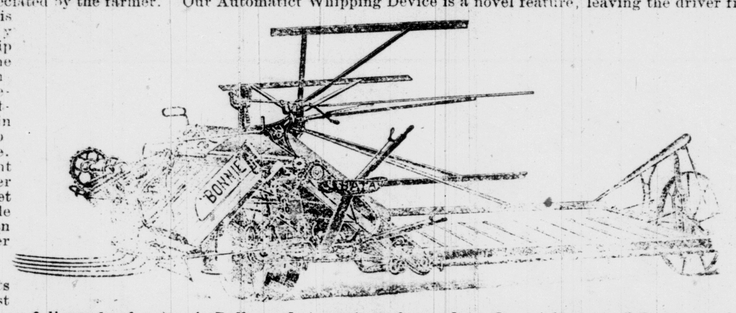

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The democratic party, in its platform adopted at Fort Worth, pledged "to all classes and races equal protection in the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Then comes the promise to give to the Prairie View school 50,000 acres of public domain. It was found easy to keep the latter promise that the donation of dunes was raised to 100,000 acres; but a few days after this generous act was passed six negroes were hanged on one tree without proof as to their individual guilt or innocence, almost in sight of the negro school at Hempstead.—The News.

A democratic editor (Cleburne Chronicle) wrote up as an eye witness the disgraceful six-shooter fight on the floor of our legislature. In the whole state of Texas there were not ten democratic papers to publish the disgraceful affair.

They were afraid that the ring would not give them any public printing or pie. The idea of a free citizen of Texas paying his subscription to such papers.—Southern Mercury.

Biliousness
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Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office, McKinney, Tex., for week ending May, 21 1897:

Shipman S. H. to D. B. Shipman, 40 a, David Vanwinkle sur, $350.

Bradford J. F. to D. B. Shipman, 85 a, David Vanwinkle sur, $400.

Shipman D. B. and wife to S. H. Shipman, 40 a, David Van Winkle sur, $350.

Shipman D. B. and wife to S. H. Shipman, 40 a, David Van-Winkle sur, $500.

Shipman S. H. and wife to H. F. Blue, 40a, David Van-Winkle sur, $500.

Blue H. F. and wife to D. B. Shipman, 40a, David Van Winkle sur, $500.

Shipman D. B. and wife to J. S. Shipman, 40a, David Van Winkle, sur, $1000.

Shipman J. S. and wife to M. L. Haven, 40a, David Van Winkle sur, $1000.

Scott C. T. and wife to Tom O. Staples, lot 10, blk 7, Wylie, $25.

Evans J. A. to J. C. Erwin, undivided one-third interest in Rufus Sewall 320a, sur, and all interest to all notes and contracts held for the purchase money of lands sold to various parties out of said survey $700

Fatgo Arthur A. to J. H. Jenkins, undivided interest in 23a, B. Bland sur, $50.

King Sam J. et al to Mollie King, 1a, W. B. Williams sur, also 25a, John West sur, $600.

Love C. A. to A. C. Thompson et al, east half of lot 35, H. L. Davis addition to city of McKinney, $125.

Doman Geo. T. to Alice B. Doman, one-third interest in lot in McKinney, also, 5 2-3 a, Edward Bradley sur; also, 3 lots in McKinney $150.

Blue H. F. and wife to T. D. Shipman, 65a, John Brisk sur, $2000.

Osburn, W. N. and wife to J. T. Hartley, 3a, James Fisher, sur, $125.

Marriage Bells

Marriage licenses recorded in the county clerk's office, McKinney, for week ending May 21,

S. A. Harris and Miss Mary E. Lynn

Geo. W. Dean and Miss Mollie Hayse.

L. L. Lewis and Miss F. B. Stone.

J. S. Crutcher and Miss R. V. Brakebill.

S. J. Russell and Miss Octavo Cox.

Harper Woodard and Miss Effie Jackson.

Gum Patello and Mrs. R. D. Farryman.

Fox Striplin and Miss Fannie Hayes.

A New York broker, E. R. Chapman, testified before a senatorial investigation committee that he acted as the broker of "certain senators" who "operated in sugar" at a time when the price of the trust stock was influenced by their votes. Chapman refused to divulge the names of the senators he represented for which he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for contempt. Gray, Lindsay and other democratic senators have recommended the pardon of the broker who thus blackened the character of every member of the senate. Innocent senators must rest under the stigma until the guilty speculators of their number are exposed and purged from the highest law-making body of the nation.

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

A Pathetic Scene.

In a collapse of a mine dump at Pinkney Tennessee last week several men lost their lives, and many were wounded. We clip the following from a report in the Chattanooga Times.

Soon after the collapse of the tipple and after a crowd of horrified spectators had gathered, they witnessed a scene so piteous and touching that it will haunt each of them to their dying day.

James Brown, engineer of the mines, with his 11-year old son, a bright and promising lad, were among the ill-fated victims. Both were fatally injured. The father with an outburst of paternal affection that might have been kindled by celestial fires, and forgetting his own agonies, while the dews of death were settling on his brow, tenderly reached out and drew to him his dying son and pressed upon his lips a passionate kiss. Then, overcome with their awful injuries, father and son sank together into the eternal embrace of death. Strong men, many of them rough and uncouth, wept at the piteous spectacle.

An Ex-Collin Citizen Honored.

W. H. Brummett, who was an independent candidate for tax collector of Collin county in 1890, is now county judge of Armstrong county, having been elected last fall. Mr. Brummett has been in West Texas several years engaged in stock farming. His opponent was a good man and a democrat who was asking for a second term. A tie resulted at the general election and a second election to decide the matter resulted in Mr. Brummett's election by two majority. Mr. Brummett is an ardent populist, but politics had little bearing on the race. The many friends of Judge Brummett throughout this his old home county will be delighted to hear of his meritorious honor and The Democrat joins with them in congratulating the farmers of Armstrong in the wisdom of their choice for an occupant to serve them in the important office of county judge.

Ex-United States Senator J. R. McPherson, of New Jersey, was assaulted in his New York office, last week, by an assailant who made a desperate attempt to assassinate him.

The body of W. S. Ladd, a millionaire, was stolen from its grave at Portland, Or. The body was recovered and two men are under arrest for the stealing.

Cotton Belt Enterprise.

We are in receipt of circular from the Cotton Belt Road which announces the fact that this splendid road has established headquarters on the Nashville Centennial grounds for the entertainment of its patrons and friends during their visit to the exposition. The headquarters are located on the north side in the exact center from east to west near the entrance to the "Midway." The management of the Cotton Belt has forwarded to its agents the following additional announcements:

On May 16 through sleeping car service will be inaugurated between Fort Worth and Nashville on trains Nos. 3 and 4, via Memphis and the N. C. and St. Louis Ry., on the following schedule:

No. 4. Leave Fort Worth 9:45 a m
No. 4. Leave Texarkana 7:45 p m
No. 4. Leave Memphis 9:00 a m
No. 4. Arrive Nashville 5:30 p m
No. 3. Leave Nashville 9:40 a m
No. 3. Arrive Memphis 7:00 p m
No. 3. Arrive Texarkana 8:05 a m
No. 3. Arrive Fort Worth 6:15 pm

On June 1, in addition to the above, through sleeping car service will be inaugurated on trains Nos., 1 and 2, between Waco and Nashville, via Memphis and N. C. & St. L. Ry., on the following schedule.

No. 2. Leave Waco 6:30 p m
No. 2 Leave Texarkana 6:10 a m
No. 2. Leave Memphis 9:00 p m
No. 2. Arrive Nashville 6:30 a m
No. 1. Leave Nashville 9:00 p m
No. 1. Arrive Memphis 6:00 a m
No. 1. Arrive Texarkana 9:05 p m
No. 1. Arrive Waco 8:25 a m

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North bound, Cannon ball	5:21 a.m
" No 3	10:32 a. m
" No. 15	1:38 p. m.
" No 1	8:13 p. m.
South bound No 2	8:17 a. m.
" No. 16	2:48 p. m.
" No 4	5:58 p.m.
" Cannon Ball	9:48 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves.	10. 45 a. m.
Local "	3:00 p. m.
Passenger, arrives.	6.25 p.m
Local "	10. 30 a. m

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Now in progress at the Mississippi Store. Our Mr. Murphy attended the big auction Fire Salvage Sale of Ely Walker stock in St. Louis last week and bought a carload of goods under the hammer for SPOT CASH, and now is your opportunity to secure some of these great bargains. First, we guarantee every item to be worth a great deal more than they are selling for.

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Big lot Calico, slightly wet.....1 cent per yard
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Mattress Tick worth 10 cents at.....5 cents
Amoskeag A C A Feather Tick.....8½c per yard
Colored Carpet Warp (good).....50 cents per bale
23-inch Cotton Checks.....2½ cents per yard
6¼ cent quality Cotton Checks.....4 cents per yard
India Mull printed Lawns 10 yards for.....15 cents
Outing Cloth worth 10 cents yard at.....3½ cents
Big lot Black Satine worth 10 cents at.....5 cents per yard
Dress and wrapper style Satine worth 15 cents at ...5 cents
Big lot short length Percales, 8½ and 10 cent grades, in this sale at.....5 cts per yard
Best Bookfold Cheviot Shirting at.....10 cts per yard
Linen finished Cheviot worth 15 cts at.....7½ cts per yard
10 cent quality Lawns and Organdies at.....7½ cents
Nice lot Lawns and Organdies worth 15c, this sale 10c per yd

Big Lot White Goods on Remnant Counter at one-fourth Real Value.

Big lot Bleach Domestic.....1 cent per yard
Soft finish bleach.....2½c per yard
One lot Corsets worth $2.25 at.....$1.00
Big lot Summer Corsets at.....30c each
One lot Towels worth 20 cts pair at.....5c each
10 dozen all linen satin damask hemstitched and bordered towels worth 25 to 35 cents each, divided into two lots at 12½ and 15 cents each.
34 and 36-inch all wool serges nice line colors and worth 40c yard at.....19 cents per yard
36-inch all wool Henriettas worth 45c, at....22½cts per yard
Big lot Black Dress Goods in skirt lengths at about 40 per cent less than usual price.

Big Reduction in Black Brocade Silks and Fancy Waist Silks.

Big lot Napkins.....6 for 25 cents
Big assortment Grenadine moire worth 10c yard at.....5c
Big lot Veiling, choice.....10c yard
Big line new Shirt Waists just received at prices from 25c up

Some Special Prices on Laces.

One lot Silk and Chiffon Lace worth 25c at.....10c per yard
Big lot Torshon Laces.....10c dozen yards
Childs purses worth 50 cents at.....15 cents each
Boys purses.....3 cents each
Gents Linen Collars.....5 cents each
Ladies purses worth 35 cents at.....15 cents each
Bang Combs for.....10 cents each
Card Cases worth 25 cents for.....5 cents each
6 doz pencil tablets 10c grade will close them out at..2 for 5c
25c grade ink tablets to close at.....5c each
One lot Ladies Teck ties worth 35c at.....5 cents
One lot Ladies Ribbon ties worth 65c at.....25 cents

33 1-3 per cent discount on all R. & G. Corsets; these are clean, fresh goods.

Largest and cheapest stock umbrellas and parasols in McKinney.

Ladies, Misses and Childrens fast black hose from 5cts up
Big drive in Shoes and Slippers. Will give 20 per cent discount on all Ladies and Gents shoes and slippers from $1.50 grade up. For 10days only.
75 pr Gents shoes worth from $1 to $1.50, choice.....75c pr
61 pr Gents shoes assorted special lot, value from $1.50 to $3.00, choice for.....$1.00

Special discount of 10 per cent on all Clothing for ten days.

Negligee shirts worth 85c and $1, at.....75 cents
Grass linen Negligee shirts worth 50 cents at.....40 cents
Pure linen Negligee shirts worth $1, at.....75 cents
Fancy Bosom white shirts worth $1, at.....75 cents
Negligee shirts as low as.....25 cents
Mens 20c straw hats for.....15 cents
Mens 25c straw hats for.....20 cents
Bargains in boys straw hats.

The Only Place in McKinney where you will find the Genuine California Blue Overalls and Pants.

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Sale will continue from day to day until the lots are gone, and remember we never advertise anything but the truth.

THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1897.

F. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

UNITED States Senator Earle of South Carolina is dead.

JACK Crockett of Dekalb Co., Tenn., committed suicide by shooting himself with a shot gun.

THE state Farmers alliance meeting will be held in Dallas this year.

R. S. HAWKINS, cashier of the Fort Worth & Denver railroad, was drowned in the Pease river near Vernon on the 24th.

DEMOCRATS may be opposed to fusion, but it must be admitted that a democratic legislature is stuck on confusion.

DEMOCRATIC voters have seen their platform demands of last year trodden under foot by legislators who rode to victory on them.

Miss Gertrude Dwyer, the San Antonio queen, was crowned queen of Texas queens at the Wako Karnival last week. The excursion to the Mexican capital will be in July.

THE levees of the Rio Grande river at El Paso broke Tuesday morning and flooded a great portion of the city. Many houses were washed away and many families thus made homeless.

THE Wortham News, Vol. 1 No. 1, reached our exchange table last week. Its editors and proprietors are Houx & Catchcart, and it starts out with a liberal patronage.

J. L. WATSON, founder and manager of the Houston Post, died in Ashville, N. C., last week of consumption. He was 38 years old and probably the wealthiest newspaper man in Texas.

THE legislature will adjourn next Monday if the senate agrees to the house resolution to this effect. It might as well agree to it as this legislature seems utterly incapable of doing anything.—Farmersville Times.

THE Times has always refrained from harshly criticising the legislature, knowing the difficulties in the way of legislating for a state so large and varied in its interests, but nothing too bad can be said of this body. It is n. g.—Farmersville Times.

THE United States senate has passed a resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents. The house is held in check from doing the same thing by the opposition of McKinley and his friends. The president claims to have a policy which will ultimately redound to the welfare of Cuba if he is not interrupted by precipitate action of congress.

WILL Jones, white, was shot to death in the Tyler jail Sunday morning by a mob who everpowered the officers. Jones was accused of being an accomplice of a negro in the brutal killing of a white farmer. Judge J. G. Russell, who presided part of the last term of district court here, appealed to the mob to let the law have its course, but to no avail. The disgraceful affair is condemned by the Tyler citizens.

The Cuban Resolution.

Following is the text of the Morgan resolution, which passed the senate by a vote of 41 to 14:

Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives, That a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for sometime maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba, and that the United States of America shall maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers according to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.

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Three Constitutional Amendments. Election Aug. 3. 1897.

On Tuesday, the 3rd day of August, there will be a special election in the state of Texas which gives the people a chance to accept or reject three constitutional amendments submitted by the 25th legislature.

One amendment provides for local taxation in certain and districts of the state. Under its provisions a community can vote a property tax for the purpose of public irrigation.

The second amendment prohibits a county, town or municipality from subscribing to the capital stock of any corporation or association, or appropriate or donate to such stock, or anywise loan its credit to same, except in certain western and south western counties, provision is made for such counties to subscribe towards building standard guage railroads.

The third amendment is for the purpose of making valid certain county bonds which have been purchased by the permanent school fund but one supposed to be invalid on account of said bonds not being issued according to the constitution.

Populist Call.

Bonham, Fannin Co., Tex., May 23.—The following explains itself:

Bonham, Tex., May 22.—To the populists of the fifth congressional district: State Chairman Bradley has issued a call for county mass-meetings of the people's party to be held on Saturday, May 29, for the purpose of electing delegates to a district convention. Therefore, as chairman of the fifth congressional district, I think it best for each county to elect its own delegates to Nashville, July 4, to attend the national conference of populists.

The basis is one delegate for every 2000 votes cast for Jerome Kearby or majority fraction thereof. I make this request to obviate the expense of calling a district conference at this, the very busiest season with our farmers. Please elect your delegates and forward their names to me at once, and I will have their credentials signed by the officers of the district committee. Elect good and true men, who will go. I hope this will be satisfactory to the populists of this district.

D. E. LYDAY,
Chairman fifth congressional district.
Attest: S. J. HAMPTON,
Secretary.

Special Session Called.

The present legislature is the grandest fiasco in Texas history. It is indeed a worthy scion of the democratic party. After a remarkable campaign it was chosen last fall on a remarkable platform—remarkable in contradistinction to previous indistinct platforms of that party. It was elected on a platform of clearly defined promises the main one of which the speaker claims to be parent of and now says it was not inserted in good faith, but was "clap trap" put there for campaign purposes. The fee bill, the redistricting bill and other measures of economy to which the party stood solemnly pledged to the people of Texas have come up, been wrangled over, mutilated and flagrantly repudiated. Expense after expense has been heaped upon the state at every opportunity to reward personal friends and party service. The long sitting of the body itself is a great extravagance, but that is not enough, the salary of the chief clerk to the secretary of state must be raised from $1200 to $1800 per year and the expert printer's from $1200 to $1600, while thousands of competent men would enter into a scramble for either position at a $500 or $600 salary. The San Jacinto battlefield was purchased for $25 per acre when its owners never rendered it for assessment above $5 to $8 per acre. This legislature pledged to retrenchment, according to Gov. Culberson, has left heaped up additional obligations on the already tax-burdened people. By their own mouths they stand condemned.

After the longest session ever held by any legislature it adjourned last Friday with the following arraingement by the governor:

"To whom it may concern: Whereas, the twenty-fifth legislature has adjourned without making an appropriation to pay existing debts; and

Whereas, said legislature has failed to make appropriations for the support of the state government for the next two years, and for other needful purposes, within the revenue to be collected for that period; and

Whereas, said legislature failed to enact other important legislation demanded by the people."

Culberson then reconvenes the body in special session, but nothing has been done yet because no quorum can be secured. In the meantime the solons draw their pay and the outraged people foot the bill.

DAN Walker, colored, will hang in Bonham tomorrow for the murder of his wife.

Richard M. Scruggs a St. Louis merchant millionaire and E. G. Langhome, his secretary, were arrested by custom house inspectors in New York just as they came into port from Southampton. They are charged with smuggling dutiable goods. Diamonds, silks and fine laces to the amount of $3000 were found on their persons.

Lying helplessly ill, with her 3-year-old child asleep at her side, Mrs. Nellie Dawson, 25 years old, was shot and killed by her husband, John Lawson, Sunday in Chicago. The shooting followed a quarrel. The murderer is at large, but the police declare he will soon be captured, as he is well known to them. The dead woman's father, a well to do farmer, lives near Lincoln, Neb. She married Dawson in Lincoln eight years ago.

Material Improvements.

Plano, Collin Co., Tex., May 21.—At a called meeting this afternoon the Plano Park and fishing club completed its permanent organization. Its officers are: Dr. R. L. McMeans, president; S. M. Harrington, vice-president; Edwin Lamm, secretary and N. L. Kerr, treasurer.

The membership is limited to forty members at $25 per membership. The club has just purchased five acres of land on Spring creek, three-fourths of a mile west of the city, which is nicely shaded with large trees. This splendid piece of property is to be deeded to the city by the club for a park, and the dam for the city waterworks will be built on this land. The club paid $1050 for the land and in consideration of the town protecting the fish pond from trespassers the land will be sold to the city for $250, making them a prsent of $800. The timber on the land will be cleared at once and the grounds improved for picnics, and after the dam is completed there will be good boating for a mile up the creek.

The contract for the city waterworks plant was let to-day. The standpipe, dam and water mains being let to different parties.

A one-story brick store, 30x70, is nearing completion. There are six more brick stores in course of erection.

An elevator with a capacity of 60,000 bushels is nearing completion.

Lebanon Siftings.

May 24, 1897.

Lebanon has organized a debating society.

The reunion at Rowlett last Saturday was almost a failure, on account of rains.

Two of Mr. Bob Heck's children have been real sick.

Mrs. Henry Nesbeth and Miss Bessie Branch spent last week with their sister, Mrs. A. A. Humphries.

The nineteen months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Below was burned to death in Denton county recently. It seems an elder sister, two or three years old, spilled coal oil on the floor and ignited it from which the little fellow's clothing caught fire.

Dave Garrison of Denton county was visiting friends and relatives here recently, with his family.

With much sorrow we chronicle the untimely taking away of Mrs. Mike Hoffman of Lebanon, who died not long since. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman had not long been married and were, seemingly, in the morning of life, when the sad messenger of death came. Mrs. Hoffman was interred at Rowlett cemetery.

Mrs. Tom Knight left recently for Tennessee, where she will spend the summer with her parents. Mr. Knight will remain here till fall when he will join her in Tennessee, where they expect to make their future home.

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Princeton Pickups.

May 24, 1897.

Prof. W. M. Erwin of Melissa was a pleasant visitor in Princeton Wednesday.

A woman in a wagon with several little children passed through Princeton last week in a destitute condition. The husband had deserted the poor woman and helpless brood in their poverty. The children were crying for bread as they stopped in front of J. B. Wellman's residence. He gave them provisions and feed for their stock, enough to last them several days.

W. C. Hairgrove, a resident of Heardland went to Victoria county last week to attend court as a witness under bond.

Mr. Sam Harris who was married to Miss Mary Lynn of Fitzhugh Mill Sunday, May 16, will reside one mile east of Princeton.

C. P. Reed and family and W. J. Royall were in Farmersville Saturday and Sunday.

The wide awake, rustling agent for the Home Life insurance company of New York, R. L. Ray and wife of McKinney were guests of J. F. Smith and lady Thursday last.

Rev. J. B. Wellman preached at Wilson's Chapel, Sunday at 11 a. m. for J. S. Graves.

Miss Smith of Hopkins county visited her grandfather, Thos. A. Smith, two miles west of Princeton last week.

Messrs. J. M. and Charlie Dennis of Heardland, both have additions to their family circles in the way of new babies.

The temperance cause is steadily growing here. Since organization of the I. O. G. T. less than two months ago, twelve new members have been admitted, and several applications are before the lodge. The following officers were installed at the beginning of of this quarter: J. B. Wellman, C. T.; Mrs. J. F. Smith, V. T.; W. L. O'Gwin, P. C. T.; D. C. Efird, Jr., Guard; J. A. Caldwell Sentinel; W. A. Massie, Marshal; Miss Kate Wilson, D. Mar.; J. F. Smith, Sec'y.; Miss Sadie Caldwell, A. Sec'y.; W. T. Hopkins, Fin. Sec'y.; Alma Wilson, Treas.; J. S. Cameron, Chaplain. Dr. T. G. Boorman was recommended to the Grand Lodge to be re-appointed Lodge Deputy. Rev. J. B. Wellman was elected delegate to the Grand Lodge which meets in Garland, 4th Tuesday in July.

HPESOJ'S THOUGHTS.

The battle against the drink traffic is second to no other, for it stands as a self evident fact that the greatest of all evils is that of intemperance. Whiskey is the devil's most powerful weapon.

If you believe in temperance be a "pro." No matter what your wife, your father, mother, brother, sister or friend may believe. Stick to your convictions. Condemn the wrong wherever found.

The man who desires and wills to get out of life the best possible things will reach nearest the goal of an ideal life. But such an estate can only be reached through the crucial of suffering and personal sacrifice.

The old fogy idea that it is a waste of time and money to educate the boy who would be a farmer has caused that life to be looked down upon, and has done much evil in causing many of our best youth to seek the town and city for something better. Educate the farmer boy, give him good social advantages and pleasant home surroundings, thus elevating and giving tone to one of the noblest professions known amongst us, and our boys will seek the farm, the safest place for a boy.

HPESOJ.

Merit Items.

May 24, 1897.

The North Texas training school closed its session Friday, which was one month earlier than expected. Prof. Rippey has done excellent work here this year and we regret very much to give him up. He left today for his home in Sulphur Springs. As he goes away we feel that our community has been made better for his having lived in it.

The scholarship medal was awarded to Willie Birdsong.

The school enjoyed a pleasant time at Prof. Swift's Friday night.

To show their appreciation for his services and their love toward him, the pupils presented Prof. Rippey a book entitled "Glimpses of America."

The Kingston high school closed Wednesday with an entertainment at night.

The Hawthorne college has closed its second year's work. The commencement exercises were good. There were ten in the graduating class.

Miss Fannie Scott and her mother of Melissa are visiting Mrs. Holkett of this place.

Mrs. Mack of Alliance was here yesterday and organized a women's foreign missionary society at this place.

Crops are fine in this part of the county.

WAS.

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on the wrapper of every bottle of Castoria.

ELY & WALKER Fire Sale! ELY & WALKER

THIS IS THE GRANDEST BARGAIN FEAST WE HAVE YET OFFERED THE PEOPLE.

The Fire Sale takes precedence over all the grand sales we have been fortunate enough to offer the public. We have bought up immense quantities of the Ely Walker Fire Sale goods, and are selling them out at

THE GREATEST BARGAIN PRICES.

That have ever been made on Dry Goods. Remember, if you want to get pick of these goods you must come at once, as we reserve nothing and a great many of these lots will be closed out in a hurry. The people have been having a grand feast on these bargains. Why not you?

Not one Dollar of the Fire Goods shall remain. They are all Summer goods, and must be closed out at once.

If you want to enjoy purchasing goods, Mistrot's is the place for you.

39 Pieces Assorted Dress Goods, all worth from 12 1-2 to 25c yard, now only 8c.

23 bolts of embroidery, worth from 7 to 12 1-2, Fire Sale price 6c.

A limited quantity of Lawns, worth 5c, slightly damaged, Fire Sale 1c yd.

Oil Red Calico, very slightly damaged only 3c yd.

39 dozen Men's and Ladies' Hose, worth 8 to 12 1-2c, for choice 5c.

7 Dozen Men's Jeans Pants, real value $1.00, Fire Sale 65c.

2 1-2 dozen Boys' Fire Sale Pants 5c pr.

21 dozen Ladies' Waists now only 39c.

A. C. A. Tick, worth 16 2-3c, now 12½

Lonsdale Domestic, sold at 10c everywhere, our price 7c.

326 pairs of Men's Cassimere Pants, worth $1.25 to $2.50, choice $1.00.

23 Baby Caps; choice 7c.

138 Gent's Shirts, worth 75c to $1.00, Fire Sale price 35c.

Matches 1c box.

Best Salmon, 10 cents.

Clothes Pins, 5 dozen for 5c.

Zinc Wash Roards 15 cents each.

Full Mine Ladies Muslin Underwear JUST RECEIVED.

29 Bolts Dress Ginghams, 3c yd.

Ladies Leather Belts 15c each.

1375 pairs Gents Suspenders choice 10c.

Brooms, 10 cents each.

We don't quote you many prices, because you cannot appreciate the Immense bargains we are offering unless you come and see the goods: You can do like the hoast of our customers who have been crowding our house since this sale commenced. You can afford to come and see. We are the Only Cash House in McKinney. Others claim to be cash houses in order to inveigle you into their stores so they can make you pay the losses that they incur by bad accounts.

Yours truly,

SOUTH SIDE OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE, McKINNEY, TEXAS.

C. L. Mistrot.

DEATH.

About 6:30 Saturday evening Mrs. Francis J. Abernathy, aged 76, quietly breathed her last at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Brooke, in this city and her spirit winged its flight to its eternal home beyond. She had been in poor health for some months, but her last fatal illness was of less than a week's duration. On Monday before she was strong enough to walk from the residence of Judge Abernathy to Mrs. Brooke's.

The deceased lady was a member of one of the south's most prominent families. Her father, M. Franklin, served North Carolina faithfully as governor far back in the morning of the present century and she was a niece of Jesse Franklin for whom the territory now embraced in the states of Tennessee and North Carolina was named. Another uncle commanded the Americans in the battle of King's Mountain. Others of her ancestry engaged with distinction in the wars of Independence and 1812. Until the passing of the whig party the family were ardent advocates of its fortunes Three general officers in the confederate army were near kinsmen of hers. One, today, is living and representing an Alabama district in congress.

Fifteen years ago she came with her husband to Texas where he died about ten years ago. Since she has been residing with her children, all of whom are married. For forty-two years she was a consistent member of the Episcopal church, according to the rites of which she was buried Sunday afternoon in Pecan Grove cemetery, in the presence of thirty-one children and grandchildren and a large concourse of sorrowing friends. Her faithful pastor, Rev. Galbreath, conducted the funeral services.

The children are: W. M. Abernathy, prominent McKinney lawyer; J. F. Abernathy, of Mississippi; J. L. Abernathy, of South Texas; G. E. Abernathy, McKinney merchant; M. G. Abernathy, now serving his fifth term as county judge of this county; Mrs. W. T. Brooke, wife of a McKinney merchant, and H. E. Abernathy, of Royse City, Rockwall county.

THE DEMOCRAT joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives in the great loss which they have sustained.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex. May 27, '97, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Boggen Mrs R M — Lively Maga
Burk Mrs Nancy — Covey Lula
Chandler Mrs Harriet — Davis S C
Farras Mrs Ella Harrison — Felicia
Hudson Amanda — Humphrey J
Harrias Mrs Any Little — Miss Mag
Morris Miss Emma — [gie
Stanley Dovie — Shumate Ida
Toliver Sarah — Turner Liza
Thomas Victora Thompson — Nellie

GENTLEMEN.

Ashmur Abeahan — Bass Elias
Davis T D — Hanor O
Hendrick R H — McCabe John
McKinzie W S — Ross Tom
Rice Andrew — Scott D
Scott T B — Snovely J W
Ware Charley — White J R
Winn Davie — Write John
Woodey George — Watts Henry
Wallace Mr — Wilson Benjiman

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

Mrs. M. A. Cameron,
Postmistress.

COUNTY COURT.

Following are the proceedings of May term of county court to date:

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

Witness Ed Moore fined $100 for not appearing.

John Beverly, gaming, not guilty.

Gus Mallicott, violating local option law, fined $25 and 20 days in jail.

Lon Oglesby, gaming, not guilty.

Jack Worsham, violating local option law, not guilty.

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Tom Jones, violating local option law, not guilty.

Mack Malone, violating local option law, not guilty.

Tom Jones, violating local option law, fined $25 and 20 days in jail.

Ebby Sales, violating local option law, fined $25 and 20 days in jail.

Eph Andrews, violating local option law, not guilty.

Tom Cavenport, bond forfeited.

Andy Klepper, gaming, not guilty.

Stark Odell, violating local option law, fined $25 and 20 days in jril.

Joe Rambo, violatiug local option law, not guilty.

Jerome Kenadll, violating local option law, not guilty.

Campbell Jeffreys, violating local option law, not guilty.

Bob Jackson, violating local option law, not guilty.

Sid Foster, violating local option law, not guilty.

Jerome Kendall, violaating local option law, fined $25 and 20 days in jail.

Bud Jaggers, violating local option law, not guilty.

Labe Cox, violating local option law, not guilty.

Will Matney, theft, $5 fine and one hour in jail.

Charlie Mallicott, violating local option law, fined $25 and 20 days in jail.

Fritts-Herndon.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Herndon, in the Rowlett neighborhood, Sunday morning May 23, Mr. D. B. Fritts and Miss Hattie Herndon were happily wedded in the presence of a few intimate friends and relatives. Rev. Morgan of McKinney officiated. Both the contracting parties are worthy young people who begin married life with the benedictions of all.

McKinney Schools Close.

Both McKinney schools close this week. Notice of commencement exercises will appear in our next issue.

Tom Perkins Esq. was at county court Tuesday. He was with the Pike's Peak editorial excursion gang from Greenville and had just returned. Some say Tom was nearer the heavenly realm than ever before when on top of that lofty mountain.

To My Friends.

Having purchased the restaurant, three doors west of the Foote House, I have refitted and furnished the same almost anew, and am now prepared to serve first class meals, lunches and short orders at most reasonable rates. I ask all my country friends to give me a call when in McKinney. I also furnish lodging.

Jack Salmons,
McKinney, Texas.

The McKinney fire department is in receipt of an invitation to attend the annual picnic to be given by the Marshall fire department of Marshall, Tex., at their Park June 24.

For Sale or Trade.

A complete scholarship in one of the best business colleges of Texas, located at Dallas. Call at The Democrat office for information.

LOCAL.

Mrs. Dr. Rod Neathery of Farmersville is attending the Baptist meeting.

We understand that Dr. Joe D. Becton will soon remove to Greenville to practice

The city council holds a special session to-night.

Miss Harrington and mother of Plano are visiting the family of Prof. Schimmelfenig.

Owing to sickness Miss Lula Allison has suspended her music class for a few days.

Miss Ella Kitchen departs tomorrow for Alexandria, Tenn., to spend vacation with her mother.

Country bacon! Country bacon!! Country bacon!!! Wanted by T. J. Melton, at his store.

Go to Jack Salmons' restaurant for a square meal. Third door west of the Foote House.

All you can eat at Jack Salmons' restaurant for 25cts. Also lunches, chili and hot tamales. Third door west of Foote House.

Senator J. R. Gough and Representative F. E. Wilcox came in from Austin Saturday to spend Sunday with their families.

Miss Maggie Leddy entertained the public school teachers Saturday evening.

Jim G. Fitzhugh, book-keeper for M. Aron & Co., was off duty a few days recently on account of sickness.

Prof. Barnett, formerly teacher at Weston, has been chosen instructor of the Hnnt county summer normal.

The peruna cases are attracting much interest in county court this week.

Mrs. Henry of Colorado and little daughter, who have been visiting the family of Capt. E. R. Stiff for some time, left Monday for Texarkana on a visit. They were accompanied be Miss Winnie Stiff.

Dr. Morgan, the veterinary surgeon, delivered an instructive lecture on the horse Saturday afternoon to a large audience on the north side of the square. He dealt bicycles and bike riders a regular Jim Hogg knockout blow.

While milking last evening Ernest Parker was painfully injured by the cow hooking him through the cheek. The cow is not a vicious animal but was fighting flies.

E. W. Kirkpatrick returned yesterday from a horticultural tour. His trip embraced the points of Plano, Wylie, Whitesboro, Sherman, Denison and Pilot Point. While at the latter place he had the pleasure of inspecting a crop of dew berries which were the finest specimen he says that he ever saw growing anywhere. Mr. Austin is the grower. Also a gentleman at Wylie has a very superior quality of this berry Mr. Kirkpatrick spares neither time nor expense in personally investigating any improvements in growths of the earth's soil beneficial to mankind. Intelligent and long assiduous attention to his business has resulted in giving the McKinney nurseries an international reputation.

THE regular session of the legislature adjourned Friday. Gov. Culberson reconvened the body in special session Saturday, but five days have elapsed without a quorum or anything done.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

Arrest disease by the timely use of Tutt's Liver Pills, an old and favorite remedy of increasing popularity. Always cures

SICK HEADACHE,

sour stomach, malaria, indigestion, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases.

TUTT'S Liver PILLS

CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

John G. Davis Jr. of Dallas is here on business.

We make special prices on carbolic acid by the gallon. Smith Bros.

Ed Becton of Sulphur Springs is here.

Cut nails at two and a quarter cents pound at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Farmers are making preparations for harvest.

The Nickle Store stands unrivaled in Collin county as a bargain house.

Mayor Pearson will soon add another story to his residence we understand.

Lightning Ice Cream Freezers, the best on the market at THE FAIR.

County Supt. W. W. Shepherd went to Murphy Tuesday on official duty.

Is that a blizzard? No! it's only wind passing over Mate Barnett's cold drinks!

Mrs. W. P. Cloyd is visiting in Greenville.

Musgrove excursion next Sunday.

Miss Janie Abernathy is visiting for a few days in Royse City.

Goostree & Houston are leaders in selling groceries.

Lon Cannedy of Rowlett was in town Tuesday.

Useful and ornamental articles too numerous to mention at the Nickle Store.

Miss Ella Newsome is visiting in Bonham.

A full line in all desirable styles of bath goods. Our prices are in reach of all. Smith Bros.

A. E. Lawrence has purchased a new buggy and a swift driver.

Price Goostree & Houston's groceries. They invite you to.

Miss Nora Barron, student at one of Sherman's female colleges, spent Sunday in McKinney.

Rich, Red and Pure Blood can be had by using Dr. Simmons Sarsaparilla. Only 50 cents per bottle and 50 full doses for an adult

Mr. and Mrs. John McDuffie and little niece, Flora Riley, of Sherman visited here last week.

Many useful articles at the Nickle Store.

Will Edwards, a McKinney typo, went to Van Alstyne Monday to work on the Leader.

Trade with Goostree & Houston and you will always get fresh groceries.

Great preparations are being made for the picnic at Mallow's lake Saturday.

Goostree & Houston are now the leaders of McKinney retail grocers.

The Musgrove Springs excursion on the S. S. & S. is attracting much attention. It is a cheap rate excursion—only 50cts for the round trip.

Nickle Store, first door west of postoffice, solicits your trade.

C. H. Wray was called to Kentucky this week by the serious illness of his father.

It's a small matter, but if you use freely Napth-Campho and moth balls sold by Smith Bros. the old clothes' man will not receive near so many bargains.

Miss Maude Lewis of Rheas Mill is visiting her cousin, Miss Linnie Johnson.

Immense stock of matting just received. All grades and qualities from the best Chinese to the cheapest at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Mrs. John T. Nale and Miss Laura Carrington have returned from a sojourn at Mineral Springs.

Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla effectually aids weak, impaired, and debilitated organs of both sexes. Its action is quick and lasting. 50 cents and 50 doses.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mayes and little daughter, Alva, will leave shortly on a visit to Kentucky.

Allow us to remark that it is fly time and the best thing ever invented for catching flies is sticky fly paper. We have it any quantity. Smith Bros.

Farmers and city folks buy groceries at Goostree & Houston's. No shoddy goods and everything goes for smallest margins.

Editor Clint Thompson of the Gazette was confined to his bed with sickness during the first of the week.

Ex-county treasurer B. H. Oates was able to be driven out in a buggy one day this week. He has never recovered from the gunshot wounds received several years ago while as deputy sheriff he was endeavoring to capture Hobbs, a noted character, a few miles north of town.

Sunday May 30 the S. S. & S. railroad will give an excursion to Musgrove Springs and return for the small sum of 50cts. The train will leave McKinney at 6 a. m. and arrive at Musgrove at 10 a. m. Will leave Musgrove at 5 p. m.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. H. Galbreath are the parents of of a new baby boy which arrived this week at their home.

Do not forget that we keep everything a druggist should keep and that our prices are always placed at the lowest notch consistent with quality. Smith Bros.

H. E. Abernathy and wife returned to Royse City Tuesday. They were here attending the last sickness and burial of Mr. Abernathy's mother.

SHOO FLY! Buy your screen windows and doors of J. P. Crouch & Co. Nothing save cool summer breezes can get through them.

Mrs. John Thomas and Mrs. Ben Oates are in Bonham in attendance at the 30th annual meeting of Carlton college alumni.

I have some good saddle horses, buggies and roadsters to hire. Call at the old reliable ALLISON WAGON YARD. Scott Allison, Proprietor.

The Wylie base ball club came up Saturday and engaged the McKinney team in a game. Of course the McKinney boys were too hospitable to their visitors to defeat them.

That tired, languid feeling cured by using Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. 50 cents and 50 doses. Purifies the blood, appetizer and strengthener.

Miss Belle Hill, of Weatherford, is visiting her uncle, Dr. J. P. Webster, and family.

When you want to buy a house and lot in McKinney or a farm in the country call on F. W. Mack. Upstairs in Newsome building.

Mr. and Mas. C. D. Hays of Wylie are visiting Mrs. Hays' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Oates.

FARMERS—We want your trade and will have it if you feel interested to the extent of calling, inspecting our stock and getting our prices.

Goostree & Houston.

Miss Desda Reedy will go to Bonham tomorrow to remain a few days attending the closing exercises of the schools of that city.

Our Tampa and Key West cigars are seasoned right, not too green or dry, smoke easily because carefully made, good flavor, because they have the right kind of tobacco in them. Bring two of your friends, a quarter, and try them. Smith Bros.

Miss Lula Elkins of Abilene, who is visiting the family of Capt. R. C. Carpenter at Allen, was in McKinney last week, che guest of friends.

When you want table ware J. T. Nale's he beats them in goods and prices, one door East of postoffice.

Several Plano young gentlemen Sundayed here.

The Old Reliable Nickle Store is a McKinney fixture. Its stock is varied and immense and bargains are to be had there in almost anything you may need in your household.

T. M. Hinsley is reading law in Muse & Doyle's office.

If you want anything in the way of staple or fancy groceries you can not possibly do better than at Goostree & Houston's. Their stock is the freshest.

Just received, one car load of Fresh Portland Cement; also fire clay brick, sand, lime, etc. For sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard.

LOCAL MANAGER WANTED—To represent us in this county. Must be reliable and have small capital. Address, U. S. Automatic Fan Co., 615, Travis St., Houston, Texas.

This week witnesses the closing exercises of all the schools in the city. McKinney takes great pride in her excellent schools.

Try Caranation Pink. It is one of the sweetest odors we have yet struck upon, and onlo 50c an ounce.

Smith Bros.

Martin Gerrish, Hugh McDonald, Harry Oliver and Jim Moore left last week for a long hunt in West Texas. They were followed a few days later by Todd Largent and G. H. Chance.

The East Line will give the people a Sunday outing on May 30. There will be an excursion to Musgrove Springs and return for only 50cts. Musgrove is near Winsboro in Wood county. The train will leave McKinney at 6 a. m and leave Musgrove for return at 5 p. m.

For Chairs call one door East of postoffice J. T. Nale.

Mrs. Battle and daughter, Mrs. Dr. King, of Sherman were visitors here at their old home last week.

For Window Shades step in one door East of postoffice.

Mrs. J. W. McCraw and children are visiting at Floyd and Farmersville. They will be absent about three weeks.

When you feel WEAK, NERVOUS, IRRITABLE, you need a few doses of

Macdonald's Barley Elixir,

It contains all of the nourishing properties of malted barley, combined with the best strengthening, blood cleansing and nerve building elements obtainable. Imparts a refreshing and invigorating influence that is highly gratifying to the exhausted nervous system.

PRICE $1.00 PER BOTTLE.

Prepared by PRICKLY ASH BITTERS CO., Saint Louis, Mo.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

Beware of Ointments for Catarhr that contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

Postoffice inspector I. R. Fisher came down from Denison yesterday morning and went out to Rhea Mills on a special official visit. He was accompanied to Rhea Mills by Miss Ona Cameron of the McKinney office.

Are you going to Nashville. If so remember the Cotton Belt runs through sleepers between Greenville, Tex., and Nashville. Free chair cars between Greenville and Memphis and that W. N. Collier, agent Sherman, Shreveport and Southern, will take pleasure in selling you tickets via Cotton Belt route. Time to Nashville 30 hours and 45 minutes.

Marshal Burks and Recorder Bowlby are having the interior of the city hall auditorium rearranged, repapered and put in better shape generally for holding city court and council sessions.

When you feel weak nervous and irritable caused by too severe physical labor, a few doses of MACDONALD'S BARLEY ELIXIR will give you valuable help. It strengthens the body and restores the vital energy, promotes good appetite, sound sleep and cheerfull spirits. Price, $1.00. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

J. H. Taylor, prominent Foncine farmer, was in town yesterday and called on The Democrat to renew. Wheat and oats are fine so he reports but says the corn and cotton prospects are not flattering.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package

Jessie Shain had a section of concrete walk placed in front of some of his property on West Virginia street.

Our stock is too immeuse and varied to mention here. You must see it before you can realize what a selection you have to choose from.

J. P. Crouch & Co.

E. D. Westfall subscribes for The Democrat. He says he proposes to keep up with his county's doings.

Does your house need painting? Go to Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard for Vane Calvert Palace Car Colors, the best paint "on earth," also Collier's White Lead, Pure Linseed Oil, Brushes, Window glass, etc.

Miss Josie Duncan returned to Dallas Saturday after visiting Mrs. Fred Emerson in this city.

Scrofula and scrofulous eruptions, whether hereditary or contracted can be cured by the use of Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. What it is composed of is printed on the label. Only 50 cents.

To Nashville is in 30 hours and 45 minutes. Trains leaves McKinney at 10:45 a. m., arrives at Nashville following evening at 5:30. Quickest time and as few changes of cars as by any route. Ten days tickets on sale each Tuesday and Thursday at $15.50; 30 day tickets on sale every day at $21.35, also tickets on sale every day good to return until Nov. 7th at $29.10. Through sleeper from Greenville if desired. See W. N. Collier, agent S. S. and Rw'y McKinney, Tex., for tickets. Correspondence solicited.

All customers are courteously treated at Goostree & Houston's, the leading grocery firm of McKinney.

Have you tried DR. ARTHUR'S FEBRIMEL, the modern chill remedy? If not you do not know what a delicious fig tasting, yet thoroughly reliable remedy it is. Cures chills quickly and permanently, is mildly laxative, does not sicken the stomach and is guaranteed to cure. Price, 50c. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Miss Artie Black went to Denton Saturday. After visiting relatives there for a few days she will leave for Roswell, N. M., her future home.

The Westfield (Ind.) NEWS prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. for sale by City Drug Store.

Dr. Greer, who came down from Van Alstyne last week to take a look at his plantation near the iron bridge on Bastrop, arranged to go into the hay business on rather an extensive scale this season. He is now having a large barn built, in which to store his hay as fast as it is cut and baled. It does not require a financial genius to see that there is big money in hay, and yet there are thousands of acres of the finest grass in the world going to waste in this county every year.—Angleton (Brazoria county, Tex.) Times.

T. M. Wilson suffered the double loss of a calf and a thoroughbred sow Sunday night. The calf was killed by the 8:15 H. & T. C. passenger and the sow was killed from overheat caused by being fought by other vicious sows.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	5½ to 6½cts.
Wheat per bus	90cts.
Corn per bus	35 to 45cts.
Oats per bus	22 to 24cts.
Hay baled per ton	$8.00 to $9.00.
Millet hay per ton	$8.00 to $9.00.
Flour per cwt	$2.50 to $3.00.
Millet seed per bus	40 to 50cts.
Baled Oats per ton	$10.
Meal per bus	45 to 50cts.
Straw per ton	$6.00
Chops per cwt	80cts.
Bran per cwt	85cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 15cts.
Eggs per doz	6 to 8cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.00 to $2.50.
Hogs per cwt	$2.80 to $3.00.
Beef on foot per cwt	$1.75 to $2.25.
Beef dressed per lb	4½cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4½cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.50 to 2.25.
Cotton seed per ton	$7.50.
Sorghum seed per bus	$1.00.
Alfalfa per ton	$9.00.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

FROM THE FAIRHAVEN, (N. Y.) REGISTER.

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes For sale by City Drug Store.

Hon. J. L. Doggett, collector of internal revenue for this district, has several months to serve before his commission expires. On July 1 it will be four years since he qualified as collector. On the 15th day of the following November he was reappointed, and hence his commission will not expire until next fall. John R. Neece of Mexia, W. S. Marshall of Fort Worth, Jacob Spahr of Kaufman and many others are anxious to succeed Mr. Doggett.—Dallas News.

DON'T FEEL RIGHT.

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Ed Keen is helping in the county clerk's office after a month's absence in the country.

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T. J. Melton.

Dr. Joe D. Becton was called to Fort Worth last week by the serious illness of his grandmother. She died Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker and Mrs. Annie McMahan returned Saturday night from Mineral Wells, Cooke county.

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'Tis always morning somewhere, little heart:
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Some rift the sun is ever shining through.

There's always happiness somewhere sad heart;
Somewhere is always love and hope and cheer;
No sorrow can forever hide God's smile;
No life is toil and grief from birth to bier.

Look up and bide with patience, then, dear heart;
The sacred promise of the dawn is true;
Beyond the cloud a glad new day shall rise,
And what of joy is yours will come to you.

—Philadelphia Press.

The ladies aid society of the Christian church gave its weekly tea Tuesday evenlng at Mrs. Will Hill's.

The 1st Sunday in June is "Children's Day" in the Christian church the world over, the day in which the children make their offering for foreign missions. The day will be observed here, and on Sunday night, June 6, the children will have a service consisting of songs, recitations, etc. A full program will appear next week.

Subject for the Junior C. E. next Sunday at 3:45 p. m. is "Fruit Bearing," and the meeting is to be led by Clifton Dowell. Subject for the Intermediates is "How can we bear much fruit?" John 15 1-8, leader Miss Ella Felton. A good attendance is desired. Five o'clock is meeting time.

The subject for the Y. P. S. C. E. next Sunday is "That ye bear much fruit," John 15 1-14, leader Minnie Merritt. Next Sunday being consecration day a full attendance is desired. The service begins at 7 o'clock and quits promptly at 8.

The Endeavorers are invited to go to the new church four miles east of here, on Farmersville road, at Wood's gin to hold a C. E. service next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is earnestly requested that just as many Endeavorers go as possible, have something to say and let there be a fine meeting—a model one, as the people there want to see what a C. E. meeting is, with a view of organizing.

Rev. J. H. Wofford was to have preached the memorial sermon of Dr. Brocket at Melissa Sunday, but the rain Saturday night caused the services to be postponed. Dr. Brocket, who recently died in Sherman, was pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Melissa for twenty consecutive years.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey of Sulphur Springs delivered a short discourse Sunday morning at the Methodist church after which one member was received into the church and an offering was made by the congregation to the rescue home of Dallas. Quite a liberal collection was had and Mrs. Bedell of the First Methodist church of Dallas was present and thanked the generous givers.

H. O. White was recently ordained to the gospel ministry in the Wylie Baptist church. The ordinational sermon was preached by Prof. E. M. McDaniel of Greenville. Rev. White is a young man, married and having three children. He married Miss Lottie Magner of McKinney. Henceforth, he proposes to devote his attention exclusively to the holy calling of the active ministry.

An immense congregation packed the Baptist church to its utmost capacity Sunday night to listen to the annual baccalaureate sermon of the McKinney Collegiate Institute preached by Rev. W. M. P. Rippey of Sulphur Springs. In addition to the sermon the program consisted of musical selections by a large choir and a solo by Master Walter Emerson. President Dodson of the school introduced the preacher. The audience consisted of members of all the other churches, whose services were adjourned for the occasion, and of the friends of education generally in the city.

The Cumberland Presbyterian meeting begins in this city next Sunday. Rev. J. Frank Smith of Dallas will be present and do the preaching.

The memorial services of the late Dr. Brockett will be preached at Melissa the fourth Sunday in June. Rev. Wofford will preach the memorial sermon.

Evangelist Sid Williams is still being heard at each service by immense crowds. A number of confessions have been made, also many have added their names to the church. Monday night seventeen candidates were baptised. Sunday night the evangelist gave way for the baccalaureate sermon of the Institute, preached by Rev. Rippey of Sulphur Springs. To-night his pulpit will be occupied by Rev. W. M. Anderson of Dallas who will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the city public schools. The meeting will close, we understand, Sunday night.

Bright-Bailey.

Quite a surprise was given the many friends of Miss Addie Bailey Tuesday evening, the 25th, when it was announced that she was married on that evening to John Harvey Bright at Celina.

Miss Addie was a student at the Institute and no one seemed to suspect that she was contemplating matrimony. The groom is a most excellent young man of a high moral and intellectual standing, a school teacher and belongs to one of the county's best families. The young couple left the home of the bride's stepfather, K. K. Kerr, in this city and drove to Celina where Rev. Gribble, an uncle of the groom, made them man and wife and then returned to the groom's home a few miles north of McKinney.

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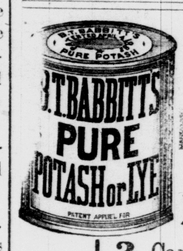

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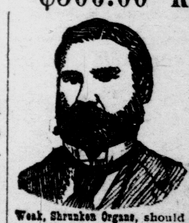

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Willie—Why do they always weigh the babies as soon as they're born? Do people pay for them by the pound, the same as for raw meat.

Pike vs Blue Ridge

Pike, Tex., May 21 '97.

Special to The Democrat:

On yesterday at about 4:30 p. m. intelligence was brought to this city of the discovery of a cave which is mammoth in the extreme. This great monster was discovered by Messrs. Albert Creswell and Tom Herndon. As those gentlemen were returning from a hunt they saw a few rods ahead and almost right in the suburbs of the city, what seemed to be a large hole in the earth. On arriving at the spot they discovered that a very large portion of the earth's surface had sunken to a considerable depth. This cavity is about one hundred feet in depth and about forty three feet in diameter. The walls are perpendicular and evidently had been dug by man. There is water clear as crystal in the bottom. The news was hurriedly reported at the telephone headquarters and thence throughout the entire city limits. In the meantime messengers were dispatched to the office of the Union Telegraph Company and in less time than it takes to pen it, the news was flashing over ten thousand wires to the remotest parts of the earth.

On further examination there was found to be a large fissure-like cavity running in a southeast and northwesterly direction. This cavern is as near as can be ascertained about one-hundred feet in width, about seventy feet in length, and Gothic shape. The walls are of white sulphur rock and have a polished surface. The base of this cavern is a clear sparkling volumn of water which is moving at a rate of about seventeen miles an hour. In less than one hour after the alarm was given the entire population of this city was on the scene.

Every street car line and possible means of transportation was pressed into service. By 5:30 p. m. five-thousand were gazing in wonderment on the wonder. By 7 o'clock p. m. every incoming train and many specials were unloading their cargoes of human freight all curious to see the great monster cave. In the meantime an exploring party was organized. This party made hasty preparations for the purpose of exploring this mammoth cave.

A frail boat was hastily constructed and by means of ropes the boat was lored to the surface of this subterranean stream; by 8 o'clock this little band of sailors were lowered by careful hands into the craft awaiting them fully one-hundred feet below. With lights and life preservers and everything in readiness, this brave little company waved a farewell signal to their friends and loved ones above. The anchor was cut and as the little band started on a tour that mortal man had never attempted before. As they were about to enter the dismal gloom a last farewell signal was waved back when a safe return cheer that would almost awake the dead, rent the air and echoed on hill tops for many days.

The entire city council was immediatly called in extraordinary session for the purpose of conferring with the national and foreign capitalists on the subject of conveying this cave into the hands of a company.

A very large sum has been offered by the national Yellowstone Park company of Colorado, for one hundred acres of land embracing the entrance of this cave also cablegrams from Great Britain, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, bring similar offers.

News have also been received from Germany to the effect that a corpse of engineers from that and other foreign countries would arrive soon for the purpose of exploring thoroughly this the king of caves. * * *

Say you fellow who saw some hoodlum thump a cigar stub across the road with fire on the north end of it at Blue Ridge and thought it was an air ship, and who heard an owl hollow for the first time in your life and thought it an angelic choir, and who found a dead donkey and supposed it to be a petrified body from Mars.

If you can't get up something better than that we think you had better crawl in and give the draw-string a pull.

A Witness.

Wise in His Generation.

Irate Father—What you need, young man, is a sound thrashing.

Delinquent—Well, pop, my Sunday school teacher says that the Lord will supply our needs, and I don't mind waitin'.—New York Times.

Never make love in a corn field. Corn has ears and is easily shocked. You should make an oat of this. X

COWARDLY SILENCE

Of The Democratic Press on The Betrayal by Party Leaders of Platform Promises.

McKinney, Tex., May 21, 1897.

McKinney Gazette: "The state will not be restricted this time. The bill for that purpose was killed." Is that all you have to say about the deliberate repudiation of a solemn pledge made to the people of Texas.

I clip the following from Sunday's News in which the same question is propounded to about five other democratic papers, which, while they recite the killing of the redistricting bill and the fee bill have no word of condemnation for such repudiation of platform pledges. The News very pertinently asks the question if that is all they have to say about it.

Does the Gazette, and other democratic papers consider that they are faithful to their constituency by their silence, under such betrayal by a democratic legislature of its pledges to the people to reform and economize the judicial system, and to cut down extravagant fees by enacting a fee bill?

Is it presumed that these two planks in both the democratic and populist platforms and voted for by nine-tenths of the voters of the state can be ignored with impunity; and is the democratic press going to be a party to the betrayal? None of these papers have a word of condemnation for this perfidy to platform pledges. What does the voter, who "pays the freight," think of the mush and milk diet his county paper feeds him; of the gray matter of the editor, that presumes thus upon his ignorance?

Does he think the deliberate disregard of solemn promises, by a legislature he helped to elect, abetted by a sycophant press, is one thing less than an insult to his intelligence—a premium upon his credulity? Doesn' he know that he is expected to go right on voting for this same party no matter what happens? Is he not aware that his party paper studiously keeps him in ignorance of his party's rascality? Has the Gazette ever told its reader that Speaker Dashiel stands charged with having declared to R. B. Allen of Dallas that there would be no fee bill passed by the twenty-fifth legislature; and that he himself was the author of the fee bill plank in the democratic platform and that it was put there with no intention that it should be enacted into statute law, but merely "for political purposes or campaign claptrap." Has Mr. Dashiell ever denied this damaging charge of Hon. R. B. Allen? No. Has Mr. Allen ever recanted? No.

How does the innocent and unsuspecting voter like this? Is he willing to continue to pay the freight, throw up his hat and shout for the "grand old party," and inflate his credulity on the "campaign claptrap" promises of his party platform?

What is he voting for, if his platform is not the policies to be carried out? Has he any other place to declare himself and render effectual his desires? Are nine-tenths of the voters of Texas to be ignored or denied the reforms they demand and voted for; in fact is this government by the people?

What is the democratic press going to do about it? Will it rise to the occasion or will it sycophantly support this perversion of government; aiding and abetting by its silence the schemes of poltical demagogues and the parasites of spoils?

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COUNTY COURT.

Assignment of the Civil Docket for May 1897 Term of County Court.

MONDAY, MAY 31.

4225 E D Coleman vs St L & S W Ry Co.
4260 M C Reaser vs J L Moulden.
4266 Haish Manufacturing Co vs J C Moore.
Bush Gerts Piano Co vs J P Crouch & Co.
4310 Bell & Semington vs W F Croome.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

4320 J T Stark vs Jones & Stephens.
Carter-Battle Grocery Co vs WH Hays.
Carter-Battle Grocery Co vs St L S W Ry Co.
J. P. Spillman vs Hagin, Daniel and Coffer.
4318 Pennsylvania Fire In Co vs W B Burford and R C Clark.
4319 Lancaster Fire In Co vs W B Burford et al.

WEDNESDAY, June 2.

A J Avant vs P R Jordon.
A J Avant vs W L Jordon.
4287 J R Worton vs Burt Clifton.
4304 E H Pendleton Ex Estate of Chas Robinson vs W T Prior.
4249 St L Sash & Door Works vs T E Ball.
4257 J W Hollander vs Western Union Telegraph Co.
4280. W T Prior vs E H Pendleton Adm Estate of Chas Robinson.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

4265 Marley Bros vs John F Lockhart.
4279 D M Bennett vs J T Veasy et al.
T E Ball vs L R Petty.
Avery & Sons vs Goin et al.
4283 J C Wisdom vs G C & S F Ry Co.
4245 J L White vs T C White.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

4288 H J & E M Watkins vs J H Hays.
4290 J H Cook vs Dan Hamer.
4297 J K Gotcher Agent for M A Noiles vs John Hendrix et al.
4298 Sladen Woollen Mills vs J D McCoy.
4299 Sladen-Kirksy Woollen Mills vs J C Feland Garnishee.
4312 J P Burgher vs John Riney.
4316 Cluett Coon & Co vs Glenn Stiff.
4326 The state of Texas vs S S Hughes.
4321 John S Rike vs C C Geates.
4322 M B Trotter vs S M Payne.
4344 H D Honaker vs T B Burnsides.
4335 J M & H. D. Honaker vs T B Burnsides.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5.

4337 Rice Stix & Co vs Perry Oldham & Co.
4346 C M Henderson vs Portman Bros.
4347 C M Henderson vs T M McDaniel & Portman Bros.
4348 M D Wells vs T E Ball.
4353 The State of Texas vs F G Davis.
4355 Levi Roberts vs Thomas Moreland.
4264 G L Edwards vs E E McGowan.
4311 John Wilson vs Nelia Hardin.
4313 J L Dysart vs F M Douglas.
4373 S Donner vs S S & S Ry Co et al.
Dixie Butler vs L B Butler.
John I Adams vs A C Housewright.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

4357 Snyder Davis & Co vs Portman Bros.
4358 S L Blackwell vs S S & S Ry Co.
4361 Taylor Painting Oil Co vs T E Ball.
4364 J H Biggs vs J W Caldwell.
4365 J I Williams vs St L S W Ry Co.
4266 Parlen Orenduff Co vs J F Jones.
4369 S R Hamilton vs J F Jones.
Abernathy & Beverly vs J L Young et al.
4375 T E Shirley vs Ben W Rhine.
4376 J B Watson vs Harry McDonald et al.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

First Nat Bank vs Estate of J O Straughn.

Proceeding of the May term of county court.

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

State vs Jim Bryant, not guilty.
State vs Leslie Leslie J. Judd, not guilty.
State vs J. B. Loorman, not guilty.
State vs Walter Cooper, not guilty.
State vs Marshall Elza, not guilty
State vs Frank Brockman, not guilty.
State vs P. W. Patterson, continued by state.
State vs Hiram Perry, trial by jury, not guilty,
State vs Albert Wilder, trial by jury, not guilty.
State vs Charley Cooper and John Cooper, trial by jury, not guilty.
State vs J. W. Wilson, continued by defendant.
State vs Earl Phillips, jury trial, not guilty.
State vs Bob Kirkwood, not guilty.
State vs Charles Terry, fined $25 and costs.
State vs Lawrence McGarrah, jury trial, fined $25 and costs.
State vs Ed Tillett, jury trial, not guilty.
State vs Bill Press, not guilty.

A NEW PARTY

Predicted by John Wannamaker—He Criticises McKinley's Administration.

Harrison's postmaster general, John Wannamaker, recently created a sensation by a speech at a banquet in Philadelphia. He said in part:

"The country is not prosperous. Since the outset of the last presidential campaign the party press and political leaders generally fixed the November election as the date of the beginning of good times. A full half of the year has expired since the will of the republican party was declared. Thus far but one of the issues of the campaign is nearing settlement, and hardly any improvement of the wretched times is manifest.

"The tide will soon set in against the republican party unless the depression of business is altered. Idleness and want breed discontent, which will never be overcome until there are ample employments.

"The foes America has to fear are not the sullen, savage Turk nor the insurrectionists of Cuba, nor the territory-grasping British, but they are our patient and heart-tried people, our own suffering, and much-promised people who, betrayed and disheartened, no longer have faith in their party, and will turn to any leadership that offers promise of better times, believing that worse times can never come than those now existing. It is a terrible thing to observe public sentiment adrift and uncaptured and the people sweeping away from their affection for the old party.

"The young men are growing up indifferent to republican principles, with no respect for parties or broken platforms, who use national and state patronage in payment of election contracts. The political religion of the nation is falling lower and lower under insults to intelligence, violation of law, reckless, daring and unscrupulous bosses.

"There will most assuredly come a day when there will be a mighty revolt and resistance, resulting in a revolution that will give birth to a new party."

From Bowlby.

May 22, 1897.

Farmers are somewhat behind with thair work but most crops look well.

Wilson creek has been out of bank twice in the last two weeks and washed some fencing out and some crops too.

Blix and Boss Hand will thresh for us this year.

Miss Lucille Crutcher has been on the sick list.

Joe S. Crutcher and Miss Virgie Brakebill were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents the 20th inst, Rev. J. A. Hornbeak officiating. An excellent supper was spread. On the day following about 47 met at the house of the groom's parents and partook of an excellent dinner, your scribe being one that enjoyed himself.

No Sunday school last Sunday on account of the heavy rain which fell in the morning.

A kicking horse badly wrecked Jim and Dee Hickey's buggy Friday as they were driving to McKinney.

Many of our citizens attended the decoration services at Walnut Grove on the 15th. CENTRAL.

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General News.

Sunday morning a heavy storm damaged property at Belchorville and Lewisville. Tex.

Three lives were lost in a burning tenement house in New York city Sunday morning.

Gen. H. H. Boone is dead. He was attorney general under Coke's second administration.

H. C. Clark, living one mile south of Van Alstyne, killed a rattlesnake last week, eight feet long with 21 rattles and a button.

Geo. Hedrick, charged with the the murder of Flem Panley, was jailed without bail as a result of an examining trial.

England will honor in London the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria on June 15.

Ex-Governor Waite of Colorado has been viewing the Texas coast country, where he will make his future home.

Gen. Sayles of Abilene died suddenly of heart failure on last Saturday. The deceased is author of several Texas law books.

Five small boys while floating an improvised raft in the Chicago river in Chicago were drowned.

A little 2-year-old daughter of T. J. Murry of Denison was run over by a train and killed.

A Boston banker by the name of A. M. King was arrested at Farmington, Me., and $30,000 of the bank's money found on his person.

John F. Johnson of Logansport, Ind., president of the State national bank, is charged with forgery and wrecking of the bank. He failed to give a $35,000 bond. He will enter a plea of guilty and work out his sentence.

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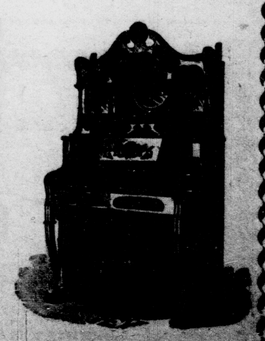

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